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ADDRESS TO THE SOUTH KOREAN PEOPLE

The Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea issued on April 21 an appeal to the South Korean people in connection with the situation prevailing in South Korea.

Following is the full text of the appeal.

South Korean compatriots, brothers and sisters!

Workers, peasants, youth and students!

Men of science and culture, enterprisers and traders!

Members of various political parties and social organizations!

All personages with national conscience!

Today a bloody, tragic event is taking place before you.

The fierce resistance of the people against the fascist terrorist rule of the U.S. imperialists and the Syngman Rhee clique has been continuing for scores of days.

Following the popular uprising in Masan, the people have risen up for the right to existence in almost all parts of South Korea — Seoul, Pusan, Taegu, Inchon, Kwangju, Chungju, Taejon, Chonju, Suwon, etc.

Enraged by the Syngman Rheeites' suppression by bayonets, the demonstrators have gone over to a mass uprising.

The Syngman Rhee clique are slaughtering large numbers of people by mobilizing not only a large force of police but also heavily armed troops.

In Seoul alone they mobilized one division and showered rocket gun shells and bullets upon youth, students and even children who were demanding freedom and democracy.

Our brothers are being slaughtered en masse.

The streets of South Korean towns are strewn with the dead bodies of our brothers and the land of South Korea is being dyed with the blood of our fellow countrymen.

Undaunted by the unprecedentedly cruel suppression, the people who have risen up in

a riot are keeping up their fight under the slogans: "Away with the Corrupt Regime!" "Down with the Syngman Rhee Government!"

The whole South Korea is placed under emergency martial law, and social order has been thrown into extreme confusion.

The rule of the U.S. imperialists and Syngman Rhee is shaking to its foundation.

At this grave moment, the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea addresses an appeal to you, the entire fellow countrymen in South Korea.

Why has all this happened in South Korea?

Who has caused this tragic fratricidal bloodshed in South Korea?

The present catastrophic situation is the outcome of the colonial enslavement policy pursued by the U.S. imperialist aggressors and the traitorous reactionary rule of the Syngman Rhee gang over a period of fifteen years.

Such situation is created by the U.S. imperialist aggressors who have split our country and are occupying South Korea, and their accomplice, the Syngman Rhee gang.

The popular uprising in South Korea is an eruption of the indignation pent up for the past fifteen years since liberation under the tyranny of the U.S. imperialists and Syngman Rheeites and an expression of the unanimous aspiration and resolve of the entire South Korean people in demand of liberation, freedom, democratic rights and a new life.

Can Syngman Rhee still presumptuously claim that he assumed the so-called Presidency with the support of the people?

Can the U.S. imperialists still dare assert that "freedom and democracy" are ensured in South Korea?

The real state of affairs in South Korea under the terrorist rule of the U.S. imperialists and Syngman Rhee hordes has been brought to full light.

If the U.S. imperialists had withdrawn and the reactionary rule of Syngman Rhee had been abolished, our fatherland would have been unified long ago, democratic development brought about in South Korea and the South Korean people would not have suffered from poverty and non-rights as they are suffering today.

When our country was liberated from the yoke of the Japanese imperialist colonial domination, our compatriots, who had gone through the long oppression and lived in rags and hunger, embarked upon the road of ensuring a harmonious, happy life in an independent, democratic country.

Had a democratic, united government been established at that time in our country, as the Korean people unanimously demanded, we would have long been enjoying a happy life in one and the same land.

Nevertheless, this national aspiration has been trampled upon since liberation and obstacles have been thrown in the way of all our sincere efforts for realizing this aspiration.

For this the sole blame should be laid on the U.S. imperialists. From the first day of their landing in South Korea, the U.S. imperialists have overridden the will of the Korean people and disregarded outrageously the demand of our people.

The liberated Korean people themselves organized the people's committees, the genuine people's political power, throughout the country. However, the U.S. imperialist aggressors entrenched in South Korea dissolved by force the committees and set out enforcing the colonial rule in South Korea.

They brought to South Korea Syngman Rhee, whom they trained as their lackey for many years, and formed a reactionary group by gathering the pro-Japanese elements and national traitors who had been cast away by the Korean people. Then they instigated them to oppose the unification of Korea on a democratic basis.

To restore Korea to independent statehood and to establish an all-Korea democratic government were clearly stipulated in the international commitment subscribed to by the U.S. delegate in 1945.

But the U.S. government refused to carry

out their obligation provided for in this agreement. Furthermore, it also rejected the proposal of the Soviet Union to withdraw the Soviet and U.S. troops from Korea and to leave the solution of the Korean question to the Korean people themselves.

Even after the Soviet troops withdrew from North Korea at their own initiative in 1948, the U.S. imperialists continued to occupy South Korea and forced the colonial rule upon the people, driving South Korea into the present plight.

The Korean people took positive measures to shape the destiny of their fatherland and the nation by themselves.

The joint conference of the political parties and public organizations of North and South Korea, including rightists, which was held in April 1948, came to a unanimous agreement on the establishment of a united government by holding general elections throughout North and South Korea on a democratic basis after the withdrawal of foreign troops.

Had it not been for the obstructive maneuvers on the part of the U.S. imperialists, Korea would have been unified peacefully at that time.

U.S. imperialists, however, under cover of the signboard of the United Nations, carried out a separate election at the point of bayonets in South Korea, thereby illegally framing up the Syngman Rhee "government," and they stepped up the preparations for war against North Korea.

Such being the case, we, proceeding from a desire to remove the danger of national split, proposed twice in 1949 that the country be unified through free elections held throughout Korea. These proposals, too, however, were rejected by the U.S. imperialists and Syngman Rhee clique.

Again in June 1950, the Presidium of the Supreme People's Assembly of the D.P.R.K. suggested to unify the country by means of merging the Supreme People's Assembly of the D.P.R.K. and the South Korean "National Assembly" into a single legislature.

However, the U.S. imperialists and Syngman Rheeites answered such repeated, sincere proposals with the provocation of aggressive war.

Due to the severe three year war that the U.S. imperialists forced upon us, a great number of Korean people lost their lives and a tremendous amount of property was damaged and destroyed.

Since the war the U.S. imperialists have refused to implement the obligation to withdraw foreign troops from Korea and to solve the Korean question peacefully, which is explicitly stipulated in the Korean armistice agreement they themselves signed. At the 1954 Geneva Conference for the peaceful settlement of the Korean question, they also opposed our just proposals for the peaceful unification of Korea.

On February 5, 1958, the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea once again issued a statement clarifying the programme for the withdrawal of all the foreign troops from Korea and the peaceful solution of the Korean question by the hands of the Korean people. In response to this proposal, the government of the Chinese People's Republic withdrew on their own initiative the entire Chinese People's Volunteers from North Korea. This opened up a more favourable phase for the peaceful unification of Korea.

However, the U.S. imperialists worked hard to reinforce their colonial rule and to perpetuate the division of Korea, refusing to withdraw their aggressive army from South Korea.

In the recent years, we have time and again advanced the programmes for the peaceful unification of the country. But the U.S. imperialists and Syngman Rhee clique refused our proposals.

Since political negotiations between the North and South for the peaceful settlement of the Korean question could not be realized owing to the stubborn refusal of the U.S. imperialists and Syngman Rhee clique, we proposed the implementation of the economic and cultural exchange between the North and South, apart from political questions. But even this was rejected by them.

Such being the case, we proposed to realize at least free travel and postal exchange between the North and South. But they refused this, too.

Thus an abnormal situation in which parents, wives, children, relatives and friends live separated in North and South Korea and cannot communicate with each other has been continuing for fifteen years.

Facts show that the South Korean people cannot be saved from distress so long as South Korea is ruled by the U.S. imperialists and Syngman Rhee clique. Under such circumstances, we have decided to render them compatriotic help so as to relieve them, if only a little, from tribulations. We proposed to send them electric power, coal, timber and other

necessary materials, relief goods for the South Korean refugees, to take over the unemployed and orphans of South Korea, to provide the South Korean youth and students with the opportunity to study in the North, and to send stipends for the poor youth and students in South Korea.

But the U.S. imperialists and Syngman Rhee clique turned down even these proposals.

With a view to maintaining and consolidating peace in Korea, we proposed to reduce the armed forces in North and South Korea and to declare that neither party would resort to arms against the other.

However, the U.S. imperialists and Syngman Rhee clique refused this proposal, too.

Compatriots in South Korea!

In this way, the U.S. imperialists and Syngman Rhee clique barred all the avenues to peace and peaceful unification of Korea and denied all opportunities of the people in North and South Korea for unifying the country and leading a happy life.

All they are after is to set off a war and keep our nation divided at the sacrifice of the South Korean people.

What an appalling shambles the U.S. imperialists and Syngman Rhee clique have made of South Korea during the fifteen years since liberation!

What on earth have they brought you, South Korean compatriots? Darkness, hunger and non-rights—that's all. This is just why the South Korean people, unable to bear it any longer, have now risen up in revolt against the reactionary rule of the U.S. imperialists and Syngman Rhee clique.

The U.S. imperialists and Syngman Rhee clique have kept on expanding armaments and reinforcing fascist machinery such as police and gaol in South Korea, exploiting and oppressing the people.

Seventy per cent of the South Korean budget is appropriated for military purposes, while the development of the national economy, education and culture, and the improvement of the people's living are utterly neglected. The heavy burden of annually snowballing military expenses is, for the most part, imposed on the people, above all on the peasants.

Due to the militarization and predatory policy of the U.S. imperialists and the Syngman Rhee clique the South Korean economy has been devastated and the people's living is in a dire quagmire.

It is also due to the anti-popular policy that industry has declined, millions of unemployed and semi-unemployed are roaming about the streets and workers are in misery, receiving starvation wages.

It is also due to the predatory policy that the rural economy has gone totally bankrupt and half the total peasant households suffer every year from the lack of provisions.

In South Korea today the working people cannot get jobs though they want to work, and they have no means of living though they want to live.

It is also due to the reactionary rule of the U.S. imperialists and the Syngman Rhee clique that the youth and students are deprived of the opportunity of studying, denied the freedom in school and are fated to serve as cannon fodder for the U.S. imperialists

Men of science and culture in South Korea are kept from engaging in true scientific research and developing national culture and arts. And they are suffering from the extreme difficulty of living.

Medium and small trade and industry are faced with the shortage of fund and raw material, and most of them are going bankrupt due to the narrowing of market caused by the flood of U.S. surplus goods, and enterprisers and traders are joining the ranks of unemployed.

The U.S. imperialist aggressors and the Syngman Rhee clique are trampling upon even the elementary democratic rights and freedom of the South Korean people and stifling every aspiration of the people. In South Korea anyone who merely utters the words "peaceful unification" is regarded as a serious political criminal.

Only for standing for "peaceful unification" the "Progressive Party" was dissolved and its leader Cho Bong Am was condemned to death.

All the people in South Korea, whatever section they may belong to, feel unrest in their life and are faced with ruin; they are heavily weighed down.

There are no prospects whatsoever for future; only darkness lies ahead.

Driven into a corner where they cannot endure it any longer, they have at last risen up in mass revolt.

The South Korean people, standing at the crossroads of life and death, are fighting for

the right to existence and for democracy. Theirs is a patriotic and just struggle.

Flames of the powerful resistance of the South Korean people have struck extreme uneasiness and terror into the hearts of the U.S. imperialists and the Syngman Rhee gang.

The panic-stricken U.S. government, through the state department statement made on April 19, hastily attempted to evade the responsibility for the grave situation created in South Korea. But it is only a foolish attempt.

The very formation of the Syngman Rhee "government" was rigged up by the U.S. imperialists. Has there been any "election" farce, which is designed to maintain the rule of Syngman Rhee, conducted without the protection of the U.S. army bayonets in South Korea, whose "freedom" and "democracy" were played up so much by U.S. officials?

The real policy-makers of the Syngman Rhee "government" are the U.S. imperialists and they are the ones who hold in tight grip the entire power in South Korea.

As stark historical facts and reality show, the same U.S. imperialists have split our country and driven the South Korean people into a living hell.

It was also the U.S. imperialists that handed out lethal weapons to Syngman Rhee clique who are slaughtering the South Korean people in their just struggle.

Is not the South Korean 15th Division which was called out by the Syngman Rheeites for suppressing the people placed under the U.S. Army Command?

They are inciting the Syngman Rhee gang to the massacre of the people by dispatching troops. The real nature cannot be altered by the trick of handing over the "commanding power."

The U.S. imperialists can never shy away from the responsibility for the grave crime of bringing about the present miserable catastrophe in South Korea and for slaughtering the people who came out to the just struggle, nor can they evade the resolute denunciation of the Korean people and the peoples of the world.

South Korean compatriots, brothers and sisters!

Workers, peasants, youth and students!

Men of science and culture, enterprisers and traders!

Members of various political parties and social organizations!

All personages with national conscience!

The situation now developing in the South is grave. What should be done to overcome the tense situation?

We propose to hold immediately a joint meeting of representatives of various political parties and social organizations of North and South Korea to discuss measures for coping with the present catastrophic situation of South Korea.

The South Korean people are demanding a new policy, new regime and new leadership and freedom and rights to living. The reactionary rule of Syngman Rhee must be immediately abolished for meeting the vital demand of the South Korean people.

The present situation cannot be overcome by such makeshift measure as giving out some posts to the opposition parties and changing the composition of the "government," while leaving the Syngman Rhee puppet regime intact.

The savage suppression of the masses in their uprising must be immediately stopped and freedom of speech, the press, association, assembly and demonstration be ensured to the people and the free activity of political parties and social organizations be guaranteed.

The ringleaders who murdered demonstrators with the bayonet must be severely punished.

The martial law must be lifted and all the arrested people be immediately released. Aid must be given to the bereft family members of those who were killed by the bullets of the puppet police and army and immediate medical care be given to the wounded.

All schools must be immediately opened and the freedom and democracy of school must be ensured.

The U.S. aggressive army must prepare for immediate withdrawal and must not interfere in the internal affairs of our country nor hinder the Korean people from meeting each other.

The situation brooks not a moment's delay. Representatives of political parties and social organizations of North and South Korea should sit at one place to take measures for overcoming the tense situation and all question must be settled by the Korean people themselves.

Steps for solving the urgent questions related to the living of South Korean people must be taken.

The way out lies in meeting together and negotiating on every question.

The experiences of the past 15 years show that South Korea cannot get along on its own, severed from the North, and that the South Koreans cannot solve for themselves all the problems without conducting North-South negotiation.

As long as the U.S. imperialists continue to occupy South Korea and unless North-South negotiation is realized, no man in the power, whoever he may be, can cope with the situation of serious political crisis and economic dislocation in South Korea.

Only by relying on the rich natural resources and mighty economic foundation in the North, will it be possible to rehabilitate the badly ruined South Korean economy and radically improve the terrible living condition of the South Korean people.

We have built an independent national economy in the northern part of the Republic. We have powerful heavy and light industry bases. We are producing in abundance all kinds of goods necessary for the development of the national economy and the improvement of the people's living — electric power, iron, coal, cement, chemical fertilizers, various types of machinery and equipment, fabrics, footwear, and a variety of other articles of daily use and processed foodstuffs.

We have firmly established an irrigation system in paddy and dry fields and extensively introduced advanced farm machines and farming techniques, thereby building a firm foundation for developing rural economy and gaining rich experiences.

We have trained in the past 15 years great numbers of national cadres — experts, engineers, technicians, etc., capable of governing the state and managing the economy.

All this ensures the people in the North a happy life and, at the same time, constitutes a firm guarantee for solving the pressing problem of the hard-hit living of the South Korean people.

We have created all the conditions necessary for rehabilitating at an early date the South Korean economy and improving the living of the South Korean people.

We earnestly hope to see that these conditions created by the people in the North will be made available immediately to the South Korean people.

The unemployed in South Korea should be given jobs and their living be stabilized. The systems of eight-hour work, social insurance by the state and paid vacations should be enforced for the entire factory and office workers as in the northern part of the Republic and all the conditions for their living be ensured.

In the rural communities, irrigation projects should be carried out on a large scale, farm machines and chemical fertilizer supplied and the livelihood of the peasants on the verge of starvation be speedily improved. All the youth and students should study free of charge, at state expense, and state stipends be granted to students of higher educational institutions and special schools.

For the development of the national economy, conditions should be guaranteed to enterprisers and tradesmen for their business activities, and their living should be stabilized.

Measures should be taken by the government for uprooting all sorts of epidemics and endemic diseases; the entire people should enjoy free medical service at the expense of the state.

The South Korean people should be ensured all these conditions for their living.

It is our sincere desire that all this be carried into effect at the earliest possible date. The disastrous state of the South Korean people cannot be tolerated any longer. Let's sit around one table to talk together as soon as possible.

The Korean question must be settled peacefully, after the withdrawal of U.S. aggressive forces, in line with the democratic will of the entire Korean people.

War can never be a solution; by engaging in a fratricidal struggle, we shall play into the hands of the enemy of our nation.

We have always worked for safeguarding peace and for achieving the peaceful unification of the country.

The ravings of the U.S. imperialists and traitorous Syngman Rhee clique now about a "threat of aggression upon the South" is nothing but a deceptive trick designed to divert elsewhere the wrath and hatred of the popular masses of South Korea. It is known to the whole world that it is none other than the U.S. imperialists and Syngman Rhee clique that have rejected all our sincere proposals for the

preservation of peace in Korea and the peaceful settlement of the Korean question and have been trumpeting about "north-bound expedition."

So long as the U.S. aggressive troops occupy South Korea, peace cannot be preserved in Korea, nor can the Korean question be solved peacefully. The United States should assume responsibility for the present situation created in South Korea before the Korean people and the people of the whole world and withdraw its troops from South Korea at once! We appeal to the people of the world to decry and condemn all the crimes committed by the U.S. imperialists in South Korea.

The troops of North and South Korea should be cut to the minimum and the demobilized soldiers be sent to their homes so they may engage in peaceful labour. This will lighten the heavy burden of military expenditures imposed upon the South Korean people.

The peaceful unification of the country must be realized through all-Korea general elections in accordance with the free will of the entire Korean people, without any foreign interference.

Everyone with national conscience, rise up as one in the struggle for achieving this sacred cause!

This is not the time to talk about the past or argue about different political views. We will consult with each other and work hand in hand with anyone without asking about his past, if he comes out for the peaceful unification.

Let us, all of us, who are concerned about the destiny of the country and its future, sit down at one place!

Let us, all of us, who want to deliver the South Korean brothers and sisters from distress and tide over the present grave situation, sit down at one place and hold consultation!

Let us unite all the patriotic force to compel the U.S. imperialist aggressive army to withdraw from South Korea and overthrow the puppet Syngman Rhee regime!

All workers, peasants, youth and students, men of science and culture, enterprisers and traders, come out in the national salvation struggle!

Victory is on the side of the united Korean people.

The Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea

April 21, 1960

STATEMENT

The Joint Conference of Leaders of Political Parties and Social Organizations held on April 27 issued a statement in connection with the situation prevailing in South Korea.

Following is the full text of the statement:

A solemn moment has now arrived for the people in South Korea to decide their destiny.

The uprising of the popular masses for abolishing the fascist terrorist rule of the U.S. imperialists and Syngman Rhee clique in South Korea has already been going on for scores of days.

Despite the barbarous, sanguinary armed suppression by the U.S. imperialists and Syngman Rhee clique, the heroic resistance of the South Korean people is gaining in scope and surging higher daily and hourly like a prairie fire.

The men of goodwill of the whole world are extending support and encouragement to the struggle of the South Korean people and the attention of the whole world is focussed on the development of the situation in South Korea.

We, representatives of various political parties and social organizations, have gathered at one place to discuss measures to cope with the current situation in South Korea.

At this moment, the U.S. imperialists, in order to shirk the responsibility for the situation created in South Korea, are resorting to every trickery and, at the same time, are threatening the South Korean people and driving the Syngman Rhee clique to suppress the people.

The U.S. imperialists are trying to deceive the people by taking makeshift measures—by letting their faithful lackeys reshuffle the puppet government, “revise the Constitution” providing for a “Cabinet responsibility system” and then dissolve the “House of Representatives,” hold the “election” again, and so forth.

The so-called care-taker government is nothing but an extension of the Syngman Rhee puppet government and its reproduction.

Even if the “Cabinet responsibility system” is enforced, it will in no way alter the real nature of the traitorous regime.

Especially when the reactionary “election” system is left untouched and when the puppet government machinery, which is to organize and carry out the “election,” is left intact, the

will of the people will not be realized, no matter what kind of “election” they may hold

“Separate elections” held in South Korea under the so-called U.N. supervision will only perpetuate the division of our country as in the past and bring only hunger, poverty and non-rights to the South Korean people.

This has been substantiated by all the “separate elections” held in South Korea so far.

It is by no means for maintaining the puppet regime, which is under the control of the U.S. imperialists, that the South Korean people are fighting and shedding their blood.

Wherein lies the way out for saving the situation and coping with the present phase at this solemn moment when a new change is about to take place in the history of our nation?

It lies, first of all, in the immediate withdrawal of the U.S. imperialist aggressive forces which have turned South Korea into a land of hunger and poverty, into a land of darkness without parallel.

The ringleaders, who split our country, established a fascist terrorist rule by framing up the Syngman Rhee puppet regime and have changed South Korea into the living hell we see today, are none other than the U.S. imperialists.

Unless the U.S. imperialists get out, the colonial terrorist rule cannot be liquidated, nor can the South Korean people rid themselves of poverty and non-rights.

We, on behalf of the thirty million compatriots, solemnly declare as follows:

The U.S. imperialists must pull out of South Korea at the earliest possible date.

They have no ground whatsoever for squatting in South Korea any longer.

Let us unite all patriotic forces of our nation and fight in demand of the immediate withdrawal of the U.S. imperialist aggressive army.

No interference of the U.S. imperialists in the internal affairs of Korea should be tolerated.

The U.S. imperialist aggressive forces should be compelled to withdraw and the

Syngman Rhee fascist terrorist regime be thoroughly liquidated.

Arrest the national traitor Syngman Rhee immediately and put him on trial by the people!

The South Korean "State Council," "House of Representatives" and other apparatuses of the Syngman Rhee puppet regime should be immediately dissolved and the malicious officials who have been in complicity with the Syngman Rhee clique should be removed from power organs.

We hold that in order to cope with the present state of affairs in South Korea, a provisional administrative organ composed of the representatives of workers, peasants, youths, students, men of science and culture, soldiers, enterprisers and traders should be set up without delay.

The administrative organ should exercise power temporarily in South Korea.

The South Korean police, a tool for suppressing and butchering the people, should be immediately dissolved and a people's police be organized to maintain public order.

Only such organ composed of the representatives of the people who have risen up in the struggle will be able to solve questions in keeping with the will of the people.

The "Ordinance of Registration of Political Parties," "New State Security Law" and all other vicious laws enforced by the Syngman Rhee clique to ruthlessly suppress and slaughter the people should be repealed immediately.

The "ROK-US Mutual Defence Treaty," "ROK-US Treaty of Friendship, Trade and Navigation" and all other treacherous, unequal treaties should be rescinded unconditionally.

Only by so doing can genuine freedom and democratic rights be ensured in South Korea.

Free activities of all political parties and social organizations should be guaranteed.

The present situation created in South Korea cannot be overcome by any single political party or social organization.

The political parties and social organizations that had either been dissolved or outlawed by the barbarous suppression of the U.S. imperialists and Syngman Rhee clique should be legalized and the freedom of their activities fully guaranteed.

Without completely legalizing the activities of all the political parties and social organizations, we cannot talk about any freedom or

democracy.

Unless free activities of these political parties and social organizations are guaranteed, it is impossible to liquidate the evil consequences of the fascist terrorist rule of the Syngman Rhee clique and save the present grave situation.

Complete freedom of speech, the press, assembly, association and demonstration as well as genuinely democratic rights must be ensured.

The martial law must be lifted at once and the demonstrators and all political prisoners who have been illegally detained be released unconditionally.

The ringleaders and murderers who barbarously shot the demonstrators must be arrested at once and punished severely.

The whole properties of Syngman Rhee, Li Ki Boong and other traitors must be confiscated and used for relief of the unemployed, vagrants, orphans and the poor.

From olden times, our nation has lived as a single nation in one and the same land.

The 15 long years of split has greatly impeded a unified development in political, economic, cultural and all other fields.

We cannot tolerate the split of the fatherland any longer.

An end must be put to the tragedy of territorial division at an early date.

With a view to ending the split of the country and discussing matters of paramount importance for our nation, we propose an early convocation of a joint conference of the representatives of the political parties and social organizations of North and South Korea.

Let us, representatives of North and South Korea, sit together at one table with a view to tearing down, first of all, the barrier between the North and South.

Free travel and correspondence between the North and South must be materialized speedily.

An early end must be put to the abnormal conditions in which parents, brothers, relatives and friends are unable even to hear from each other.

It presents itself today as a very urgent task to rehabilitate the devastated national economy of South Korea and to stabilize the living of the South Korean people in dire straits.

We have a foundation for an independent national economy in the northern half of the Republic, which can rehabilitate the South

Korean economy and stabilize the living of the South Korean people.

We hope that this economic foundation will be used at the earliest date for stabilizing the living of the South Korean people.

For this purpose, a North-South joint economic commission composed of representatives of North Korean economic organs and representatives of the South Korean economic circles should be set up.

The unemployed should be given jobs, foodless peasants be relieved, youths and students be given free education and the people should enjoy free medical assistance.

All this can be made possible only by relying on the powerful economic strength of North Korea.

Now is the time for all men of conscience who are concerned about the freedom of the country and the destiny of the nation to cast away all prejudices and sit together around one table.

It is not the time to ask about party affiliation, political views, religious belief or property status, or to ask about one's past.

Every effort should be directed to saving the present situation in South Korea and to establishing a united government by holding general elections throughout the North and South.

Genuine freedom, democracy and independence of the people in South Korea can be ensured only by a united government established through general elections to be held in accordance with the will of the entire people of North and South Korea free from any foreign interference.

All those who value the future of the fatherland and the destiny of the nation must come out bravely and join, hand in hand and with one heart and mind, the ranks of the sacred national salvation struggle.

Let all of us unite under the banner of the anti-American, national salvation struggle for the immediate withdrawal of the U.S. imperialists, for the total abolition of the fascist terrorist administrative machinery of Syngman Rhee and for the peaceful unification of the country.

South Korean people, further enkindle the flames of struggle of resistance against the U.S. imperialists and Syngman Rhee's terrorist rule!

Men and officers of the South Korean "ROK Army" and police, you must resolutely refuse to commit the traitorous act of levelling your

guns against the fellow countrymen who have risen up in the heroic struggle of resistance.

Reject the order of the Syngman Rhee clique whose days are numbered, and come over to the side of the people!

You must become a people's army safeguarding the people's interests, not become faithful stooges of the bureaucrats, and become a national army who defend national independence, not become a puppet army under the command of the Yankees!

If you do not want to commit grave crimes which cannot be atoned for for generations to come, join the ranks of the popular uprising!

Those who support the makeshift measures of the U.S. imperialists and Syngman Rhee clique designed to deceive the people will share the same fate as Syngman Rhee.

Dawn is now breaking over South Korea, dispelling the darkness that has prevailed for the past 15 years.

There is no force that can check the powerful advance of the South Korean people in their struggle.

Let us march forward, overcoming all difficulties!

Long live the unified and united Korean people!

Workers' Party of Korea
Democratic Party of North Korea
Chundo-kyo Chungwoo Party
Democratic Independence Party
Toiling People's Party
Kunminhwai
General Federation of Trade Unions of Korea
Korean Democratic Youth League
Korean Democratic Women's Union
Korean Peasants' Union
Korean Journalists' Union
Korean Writers' Union
Korean Composers' Union
Korean Artists' Union
General Federation of Industrial Technology of Korea
General Federation of Agricultural and Forestry Technology of Korea
Korean Architects' Union
Korean Society for Cultural Relations with Foreign Countries
Korean Democratic Scientists' Society
Korean Buddhists' Federation
Industrial Construction Society
South Korean Christians' Federation

April 27, 1960

APPEAL TO THE SOUTH KOREAN PEOPLE

Dear fellow countrymen, brothers and sisters in South Korea!

The Central Committee of the United Democratic Fatherland Front, giving wholehearted support and encouragement to the Masan people who have courageously risen up in a revolt against the unequalled despotism and tyranny of the Syngman Rhee clique, addresses this appeal to you.

The Syngman Rhee gang fired on the youth and students of Masan who had come out demanding freedom and democracy in schools, and dyed crimson with the blood of our fellow countrymen and brothers the soil of the dear fatherland under which our forefathers lie buried. At this moment the Masan citizens, with surging indignation, are keeping up their valiant fight against the fascist terrorist rule of the Syngman Rhee gang. The indignant shouts of the citizens, youth and students of Masan have stirred the hearts of all Koreans.

The gallant fight of the citizens, youth and students of Masan signifies the volcanic eruption of the anger of the entire South Korean people groaning under the tyrannical rule of the Syngman Rhee gang.

They have taken the lead in the struggle, voicing the unanimous will of you, the entire fellow countrymen in South Korea.

It is quite natural that in Seoul, Taegu, Pusan, Taejon and in all other parts of South Korea the people, following in the wake of the Masan citizens, youth and students, have given vent to the furious anger that has been pent up for 15 years.

What have the Syngman Rhee gang brought to you in the 12 years since they came to power?

They have sold in their entirety the sovereignty and wealth of the nation to the U.S. imperialists, and ruined totally the national economy of South Korea. They have plunged the people into the mire of famine and poverty, and deprived them of all their democratic rights and freedom. Particularly, the frenzied fascist terrorism and murderous suppression

by the Syngman Rhee gang before and after the "elections of March 15" have aroused your unrestrainable indignation. The South Korean people who are driven into the last ditch—a ray of hope for life is extinguished and their patience is exhausted—have at last decided to rise up and fight.

The gallant Masan citizens, standing in the van of you, have lit the signal-fire of the struggle.

The powerful shouts of Masan citizens in revolt have struck fear to the hearts of the enemy, and they are calling you the entire South Korean people to the struggle.

A man with national conscience cannot hold his tongue and remain a spectator at this grave moment.

Can we Koreans, the people who have inherited the brilliant will of our patriotic revolutionary forefathers, remain impassive at the sight of the brutal suppression and slaughter of our brothers?

The entire South Korean people must give their active support to the Masan people in their just fight and, following them, must raise high the banner of struggle.

We can no longer tolerate the misfortune and suffering of the South Korean people, the outcome of the ten odd years of the fascist terrorist rule of the Syngman Rhee clique.

An end must immediately be put to the reactionary Syngman Rhee rule; genuine democratic rights and freedom be ensured in South Korea; and the South Korean people be relieved at an early date from their wretched situation.

Fellow countrymen, brothers and sisters in South Korea!

You cannot free yourself from the grim condition in which you are placed today unless you compel the U.S. imperialists to withdraw and abolish the Syngman Rhee fascist terrorist rule.

Like all the previous anti-popular "elections" staged by the Syngman Rhee gang, the

"election of March 15" which was fabricated by the most vicious means of murder and fraud is invalid.

Democratic election must be held so that the true representatives of workers, peasants and the people of all walks of life may take part in the state power.

Unite your forces to realize the peaceful unification of the country by the Koreans themselves through all-Korea democratic elections!

The enemy can neither break your united force nor suppress the righteous voice of you who are firmly united.

The entire people in the North are sending wholehearted support and encouragement to the Masan citizens and the South Korean people who have risen up in the struggle for overthrowing the reactionary Syngman Rhee rule, in demand of the democratic rights and freedom.

Workers of South Korea!

You are at the "lowest depths" of life. You are forced to do slave labour, you are thrown out of employment, wandering about the streets on empty stomachs.

Come out resolutely demanding rights and freedom for existence! Take the lead of the South Korean people in the just fight against the Syngman Rhee fascist terrorist rule, in demand of the genuine democratic rights and freedom!

Demonstrate the dauntless spirit of the heroic Korean working class!

Peasants of South Korea!

Deprived of the farm land in your own country, you find yourself plunged into mire, and are going about hungry. Fight all the more resolutely against the traitorous Syngman Rhee rule!

Youth and students of South Korea!

Your bloodshed will not be in vain.

You have struck terror into the heart of the enemy and given it the shudders.

Fight all the more vigorously in demand of freedom in schools and for democratic rights!

Raise higher the banner of justice by carrying forward the fine tradition of the struggle waged by the patriotic Korean youth and students!

You are not alone in your struggle.

You are enjoying the wholehearted support and encouragement of the entire people, youth and students in the North.

Traders and enterprisers of South Korea!

The Syngman Rhee clique are levying heavy taxes upon you and driving the national industry into bankruptcy.

Courageously join the nation-wide struggle against the reactionary rule of the Syngman Rhee gang!

Scientists, men of culture and artists of South Korea!

Your reason and national conscience will not allow you to remain silent at this grave moment.

You must speak for justice, championing the people. The people are expecting this of you and firmly believe that you will do so.

Policemen and soldiers of South Korea!

You are the sons of workers and peasants. Whom do you level your guns against?

Drop the dirty guns levelled against your parents and brothers, and come over to the side of your parents and dear ones, to the side of the people!

You must fight side by side with the people against the Syngman Rhee gang. This is the only way that leads to regeneration, the way to save yourselves from committing treachery.

Entire fellow countrymen, brothers and sisters in South Korea!

The Central Committee of the United Democratic Fatherland Front again calls on you to unite all your forces in order to abolish the fascist terrorist rule of the Syngman Rhee gang, win national freedom and democratic rights and attain the peaceful unification of the country.

We will march forward hand in hand with everybody who comes out for the peaceful unification of the country in opposition to the U.S. imperialists and the Syngman Rhee clique, not holding his past against him.

Come out without hesitation in the just fight for the unification of the country, for the glory of the nation, and for the happiness of our succeeding generations!

**Central Committee of the United
Democratic Fatherland Front**

April 12, 1960

LETTER TO MASAN CITIZENS

Fighting Masan citizens!

We citizens of Pyongyang, the democratic capital, gathered here with an unrestrainable feeling of excitement on hearing the news that you heroic Masan citizens have at last risen up, upholding the banner of resistance against the brutal oppression and inhuman, murderous atrocities by the Syngman Rhee clique.

We extend our wholehearted support and warm encouragement to you who have risen up in the righteous struggle against the enemy.

Unable to keep back the resentment which has been accumulated for 15 years and has cut deep into hearts, you have stood up resolutely in fight.

At this very moment, you are continuing a bloody, resolved-to-die resistance, marching over bodies of comrades-in-arms who fell in the fight and breaking the enemy's line with human bullets.

The Syngman Rhee gang's rule is dyeing crimson this land with blood, and people are penetrated with resentment.

The rule of the U.S. imperialists and the Syngman Rhee clique over a period of 15 years has turned the whole of South Korea into a land of darkness, limitless destruction and death.

The country lies devastated and your fate is at stake.

With an eye to prolonging their rule the Syngman Rhee clique are still taking the path of national treachery infringing upon the national interests and keeping down fair voices of the people at the point of bayonets and by intimidation.

"The election of March 15" shows more clearly how the Syngman Rhee clique are desperate to retain power even by shameless and dirty methods.

The fight waged by you who raised aloft the torchlight of resistance against the ever

accursed country-selling traitors represents the outburst of the anger of the entire South Korean people and the manifestation of the will of the entire Korean nation.

Fighting Masan citizens!

You who have come out in the righteous struggle are taking the lead of the South Korean people who are all out to put an end to the Syngman Rhee fascist terrorist rule which is rotten to the root and to gain people's freedom and democratic rights.

Your uprising is a righteous and glorious one.

For the future of the nation, for your very existence, and for the restoration of trampled justice and democratic freedom and rights you must resolutely do away with the sworn enemy.

The enemy will work underhand to make your struggle collapse or surrender by using all available means of conciliation or brutal suppression.

But history teaches that submission is no more than death.

You have no alternative but to fight till the enemy surrenders. Let the blood of the fallen comrades-in-arms not be in vain!

By no means isolated is your struggle. It enjoys supports of the entire South Korean people and we the entire people in the northern half of the Republic are standing on your side.

Broad world public opinion which values justice and conscience is following your struggle with sympathy.

Valiant Masan citizens!

The criminal acts of the Syngman Rhee clique who fire on the citizens fighting for the just, urgent demand, and cause bloodshed must not be forgiven.

The policemen in Masan city!

Whose guns are you carrying and whom are you aiming at?

Aren't they workers and peasants who are

your very parents and brothers and sisters?
The compatriots who are standing before
your guns and bayonets are your parents and
brothers and sisters.

Throw away your dirty rifles and
bayonets on the ground! Take the side with
the people against the Syngman Rhee clique
who are forcing you to commit treachery!

Turn to the side of parents and brothers
and sisters!

Heroic Masan citizens!

Uphold high the banner of struggle!

How can you endure the despotism of the
enemy further than this?

We the citizens of Pyongyang and the
entire people of the northern part of the
Republic extend the national encouragement
and support to your struggle.

April 12, 1960

The blood you shed will not be made
fruitless.

We are the nation which has the tradition
of valiant fighting for the interests and rights
of the nation.

Your struggle is vivid evidence of the fact
that the national spirit to protect the nation's
destiny and justice is still vigorously alive.

With this national spirit and just indigna-
tion you must fight to the last against the
criminal terrorist rule of the Syngman Rhee
gang.

Down with the criminal, terrorist despotism
of Syngman Rhee!

Avenge the citizens who fell in the fight!

You remember that the entire people of
the northern part are on your side!

Fight valiantly on with the heroic and in-
domitable fighting spirit of the Korean people!

**Mass Rally of the Pyongyang City to
Support and Encourage the Masan Po-
pular Uprising Against the Syngman
Rhee Fascist Rule**